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1. IN HIS SPEECH OCTOBER 26 TO WORLD CONGRESS OF

PEACE FORCES BREZHNEV MADE FIRST AUTHORITATIVE
EXPOSURE OF SOVIET VIEWS ON EUROPEAN FORCE
REDUCTIONS BEFORE OPENING OF VIENNA TALKS.
HE SAID:

A. REDUCTION SHOULD BE IN ALREADY SPECIFIED
REGIONS OF CENTRAL EUROPE AND SHOULD INVOLVE FOREIGN
AND INDIGENOUS LAND AND AIR FORCES OF STATES WHICH
ARE PARTICIPANTS IN TALKS.

B. THERE SHOULD BE NO DAMAGE TO SECURITY OF
ANY SIDE AND NO SIDE MUST DERIVE UNILATERAL ADVAN-
TAGE AT EXPENSE OF ANOTHER.

C. REDUCTION SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO UNITS
EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

D. HOW TO CARRY OUT THE REDUCTION AND WHAT
METHOD TO USE-- EQUAL PERCENTAGES OR EQUAL NUMBERS--
REMAINS TO BE AGREED BY PARTICIPANTS. REDUCTION
SHOULD NOT UPSET EXISTING CORRELATION OF FORCES IN
CENTRAL EUROPE AND ON EUROPEAN CONTINENT GENERALLY.

E. HOW SOON ACTUAL REDUCTION CAN START ALSO
REMAINS TO BE DECIDED IN VIENNA. SOVIET UNION WOULD
BE READY FOR ACTUAL STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION ALREADY
IN 1975. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE SPECIFIC
AGREEMENT ON THIS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

2. BREZHNEV APPEARS TO HAVE CLOTHED A FAIRLY HARD
NEGOTIATING POSITION IN REASONABLE AND FLEXIBLE
LANGUAGE. HIS POSITIVE REMARKS ON EARLY PROGRESS AND
ON SOVIET WILLINGNESS FOR REDUCTIONS IN 1975 MAY BE
LESS SIGNIFICANT THAN THEY SOUND, SINCE THEY CARRY
NO COMMITMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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